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SUBJ: EGYPTIAN/YUGOSLAV MILITARY AND OTHER COOPERATION

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1. CAIRO PRESS HAS REPORTED THAT ON MAY 18, FONMIN FAHMY MET WITH YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR IN CAIRO AUGUSTIN PAPIC TO DISCUSS BILATERAL RELATIONS; REPORT ADDED THAT PAPIC WILL FLY TO YUGOSLAVIA TO REPORT TO TITO ON "THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND MILITARY COOPERATION (ACCORD) BETWEEN EGYPT AND YUGOSLAVIA IN THE LIGHT OF PRESIDENT SADAT'S AND TITO'S TALKS IN BRIONO. A YUGOSLAV MILITARY DELEGATION RECENTLY VISITED EGYPT AND RETURNED TO ITS COUNTRY TO DISCUSS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THAT WHICH HAD BEEN AGREED UPON."

2. COMMENT: THERE HAS BEEN NO PREVIOUS MENTION IN CAIRO PRESS OF VISIT BY ANY YUGOSLAV MILITARY DELEGATION; NEVERTHELESS, MARCH 28 BRIONI MEETING WAS ATTENDED BY EGYPTIAN COS GAMASY, SUGGESTING THAT CLOSER MILITARY COOPERATION WAS
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BEING CONSIDERED. THIS SUGGESTION HAS BEEN STRENGTHENED BY

SUBSEQUENT REPORTS (REFTEL) THAT IN APRIL 18 ADDRESS TO ASU
AND PEOPLES ASSEMBLY SADAT WAS SPECIFICALLY REFERRING TO
YUGOSLAVIA, AMONG OTHERS, AS NON-SOVIET SUPPLIER OF AMMUNITION
AND EQUIPMENT TO EGYPT.

3. WE SHALL ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP FURTHER INFORMATION ON
APPARENTLY QUICKENING EGYPTIAN/YUGOSLAV RELATIONSHIP IN COMING
DAYS. IN THE MEANTIME, WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION FROM
BELGRADE WHICH MIGHT BE RELEVANT.
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